GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SETTING UP OF IITS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IITs in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up one IIT in every state;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the steps are being taken to upgrade all the regional engineering colleges to the level of IIT; and

(e) if so, the State-wise details thereof, particularly in respect of Orissa?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): There are seven Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country, namely - IIT Bombay in Maharastra, IITDelhi in NCT of Delhi, IIT Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh, IIT Kharagpurin West Bengal, IIT Madras inTamil Nadu, IIT Guwahati in Assam and IIT Roorkee in Uttaranchal.

(b) & (c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Government of India's endeavour is to extend the benefitof quality technical education as provided in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to as many students in the country as possible. Since opening of new IITs requires huge investments, presently the Government of India is not considering opening of any new IIT in the country. Other cost-effective options such as increase in intake in IITs and upgradation of Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) and other premier institutions, is being facilitated presently.